"Being Born Again is not becoming religious but getting a new personal relationship with a living God."

New New New

Last January 1st, I wrote about "Embrace Change". I said that I did not like change and admitted that I was a strong creature of habit. Well, there were a number of changes I had to embrace in 2018. The biggest area of change in 2018 was with my home.

We had to get a new gas meter and line into the house. We had to get a new AC service with a new electric power meter. Our hot water heater broke and we had to get a new one. We had to get a new furnace because the insulation inside fell on the flames and the circulating pump was going bad. We had to get a new stove because the gas line inside of it broke. We got new living room and dining room carpet (which had been there for 30 years) and new laminate flooring for the kitchen. I realize now that I do not own my home. My home owns me.

The Bible states that when we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior many thing become new. It is called being born again. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17 We have a new beginning. Our past sins are wiped clean. We have a new desire, destiny, hope, joy, and meaning in life. Our eyes are open to many things in life and the Bible. We have a new Father who loves us and cares for us. "And because ye are so, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying Abba Father." (Gal. 4:6)

We also have a new resident in our soul which is the Holy Spirit. "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Rom. 8:9 "Even the Spirit of Truth: whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." John 14:17

January 1st, in my Junior High years, while alone in my bedroom, I confessed that I was a sinner. I asked God to forgive me and asked for Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of my life. That day "All Things Became New". I remember the tears that came down my face and the joy that flooded my heart. I grabbed the globe in my room and told the Lord that I wanted to tell the world about Jesus.

The song "He Touched Me" by Bill Gaither, best describes my experience." Shackled by a heavy burden, Neath a load of guilt and shame. Then the hand of Jesus touched me, And now I am no longer the same. He touched me, oh He touched me, And oh the joy that floods my soul! Something happened and now I know, He touched me and made me whole. Since I met this blessed Savior, Since He cleansed and made me whole, I will never cease to praise Him, I'll shout it while eternity rolls."

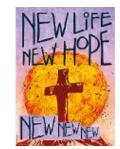
Our new items from 2018 will soon be scratched, broken down and will become obsolete. However, our new life in Christ will never become obsolete. It will last throughout eternity. Each day can be a new and exciting walk with our Lord. "They are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness." Lam 3:23



Our 2018 New New New

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This new year, start it right with a new life, a new hope and a new destiny.



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